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**MESSAGE:** Attached is a copy of a Submission and PCT International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) with amended pages 24-26 which were the annexes to the (IPER)

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**April 19, 2002**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SUBMISSION**

Submitted herewith is a copy of the amended sheets, pages numbered 24-26, containing claims 1-27 which were filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on November 27, 2000, in response to the Written Opinion dated November 13, 2000. The three sheets containing pages 24-26 (i.e., also containing claims 1-27 of the above-identified application) were attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report dated December 14, 2000, as indicated as being annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report dated December 14, 2000, is attached for the Examiner's convenience and consideration however the attached International Preliminary Examination Report and the annexes thereto should be a part of the U.S. Patent Office file in the present 371 application. Accordingly, it is the undersigned's belief that the above-identified 371 application entered the United States based on the amended

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sheets attached as annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report. That is, the above-identified application entered the United States as a national phase of PCT/GB99/02547, with claims 1-27 found on the amended sheets 24-26 which were attached as annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report dated December 14, 2000. It is also the understanding of the undersigned that submission of these annexes is not required when the annexes are in English, as in the above-identified application. The Preliminary Amendment filed February 2, 2001, is based on these claims 1-27 which are found on the amended sheets which were attached as annexes to the attached International Preliminary Examination Report. The Examiner is requested to proceed in examination based on the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report, copies attached, and the Preliminary Amendment of February 2, 2001.

Nothing further is believed to be required in this regard however the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if otherwise. The present paper and attachments are being submitted in response to the Examiner's telephonic request and inquiry to the undersigned on April 18, 2002.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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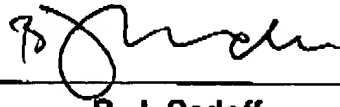
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